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Reduced Oilseed Production in France

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Report Highlights:

Total French oilseed production in 2000 is estimated to have decreased by 15 percent from the previous year. This includes an 18 percent reduction in rapeseed production to 3.60 million MT and a 7 percent decline in sunflower seed production to 1.82 million MT in 2000. Lower acreage as well as lower yields caused by adverse weather conditions were the key factors in reduced oilseed production.

Includes PSD changes: Yes

Includes Trade Matrix: No

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Executive Summary

The French rapeseed crop is now completely harvested. The French oilseed growers (FOP) and the Office of Statistics of the French Ministry of Agriculture (SCEES) have revised their estimates down for rapeseed area, yield and production for 2000 from 1999. The area planted to rapeseed in France decreased by 10 percent from 1.35 million ha in 1999 to 1.22 million ha in 2000, due to reduced direct payments to growers and low producer prices. In addition, adverse weather conditions, mainly including abnormally wet weather in July, reduced yields from 3.3 MT/ha in 1999 to 2.95 MT/ha in 2000.

As a result of reduced acreage and yields, French rapeseed production is estimated to have decreased by 19 percent from 4.47 million MT in 1999 to between 3.60 and 3.80 million MT in 2000. Rapeseed production is also expected to have decreased in Germany and in the United Kingdom, which are the two other major EU rapeseed producers. France's share of total EU production is therefore likely to remain at approximately 39 percent in 2000.

Sunflower seeds and soybeans will not be harvested in France before September/October. Consequently, production estimates for the 2000 harvest are still preliminary. Sunflower seed acreage is estimated to have decreased by 8 percent from 830,000 ha in 1999 to 760,000 ha in 2000, and production estimates are for a 7 percent decline to 1.82 million MT in 2000. French soybean production is expected to remain marginal in 2000, with 220,000 MT.

Statistical Tables

Revised PS&D tables are the following:

PSD Table						
Country	France					
Commodity	Oilseed, Rapeseed				(1000 HA)(1000 MT)	
	Revised	1998	Preliminary	1999	Forecast	2000
	Old	New	Old	New	Old	New
Market Year Begin		07/1998		07/1999		07/2000
Area Planted	1140	1140	1370	1355	1200	1220
Area Harvested	1140	1140	1355	1355	1200	1220
Beginning Stocks	0	0	80	110	290	105
Production	3700	3700	4400	4469	3700	3600
MY Imports	40	40	45	55	60	50
MY Imp. from U.S.	18	18	0	0	0	0
MY Imp. from the EC	22	22	30	30	30	30
TOTAL SUPPLY	3740	3740	4525	4634	4050	3755
MY Exports	2347	2347	2475	2780	2275	2200
MY Exp. to the EC	1800	1800	1575	1480	1700	1100
Crush Dom. Consumption	1103	1103	1410	1400	1300	1100
Food Use Dom. Consump.	0	0	0	0	0	0
Feed,Seed,Waste Dm.Cn.	210	180	350	349	330	350
TOTAL Dom. Consumption	1313	1283	1760	1749	1630	1450
Ending Stocks	80	110	290	105	145	105
TOTAL DISTRIBUTION	3740	3740	4525	4634	4050	3755
Calendar Year Imports	47	47	45	50	60	50
Calendar Yr Imp. U.S.	0	0	0	0	0	0
Calendar Year Exports	2423	2423	2500	2500	2300	2500
Calndr Yr Exp. to U.S.	0	0	0	0	0	0

Sources: French Customs, SCEES, FOP, ONIOL (French Oilseed Board)

PSD Table						
Country	France					
Commodity	Oilseed, Sunflowerseed				(1000 HA)(1000 MT)	
	Revised	1998	Preliminary	1999	Forecast	2000
	Old	New	Old	New	Old	New
Market Year Begin		07/1998		07/1999		07/2000
Area Planted	805	805	830	830	800	760
Area Harvested	805	805	830	830	800	760
Beginning Stocks	33	33	202	202	352	512
Production	1680	1680	1910	1950	1700	1820
MY Imports	406	396	200	140	100	150
MY Imp. from U.S.	14	14	15	15	15	15
MY Imp. from the EC	7	7	5	10	5	10
TOTAL SUPPLY	2119	2109	2312	2292	2152	2482
MY Exports	458	503	380	445	500	500
MY Exp. to the EC	400	476	325	425	450	450
Crush Dom. Consumption	1375	1320	1500	1180	1445	1300
Food Use Dom. Consump.	0	0	0	0	0	0
Feed,Seed,Waste Dm.Cn.	84	84	80	155	80	155
TOTAL Dom. Consumption	1459	1404	1580	1335	1525	1455
Ending Stocks	202	202	352	512	127	527
TOTAL DISTRIBUTION	2119	2109	2312	2292	2152	2482
Calendar Year Imports	380	370	200	200	85	150
Calendar Yr Imp. U.S.	29	28	15	15	15	15
Calendar Year Exports	421	391	370	450	480	500
Calndr Yr Exp. to U.S.	0	0	0	0	0	0

Sources: French Customs, SCEES, FOP, ONIOL (French Oilseed Board)

PSD Table						
Country	France					
Commodity	Oilseed, Soybean				(1000 HA)(1000 MT)	
	Revised	1998	Preliminary	1999	Forecast	2000
	Old	New	Old	New	Old	New
Market Year Begin		10/1998		10/1999		10/2000
Area Planted	111	111	100	100	90	80
Area Harvested	111	111	100	100	90	80
Beginning Stocks	55	55	16	16	6	6
Production	280	280	260	260	230	220
MY Imports	552	547	500	500	525	550
MY Imp. from U.S.	223	223	200	200	180	180
MY Imp. from the EC	50	50	50	50	50	50
TOTAL SUPPLY	887	882	776	776	761	776
MY Exports	26	21	25	20	25	20
MY Exp. to the EC	26	21	25	20	25	20
Crush Dom. Consumption	462	462	450	450	465	440
Food Use Dom. Consump.	30	30	30	30	30	30
Feed,Seed,Waste Dm.Cn.	353	353	265	270	225	280
TOTAL Dom. Consumption	845	845	745	750	720	750
Ending Stocks	16	16	6	6	16	6
TOTAL DISTRIBUTION	887	882	776	776	761	776
Calendar Year Imports	608	603	525	550	525	550
Calendar Yr Imp. U.S.	267	264	200	200	180	180
Calendar Year Exports	23	18	20	20	20	20
Calndr Yr Exp. to U.S.	0	0	0	0	0	0

Sources: French Customs, SCEES, FOP, ONIOL (French Oilseed Board)